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### 1. SOVIET POSITION ON A PALESTINE ENTITY

ISRAELI DIRECTOR OF MIDDLE EAST AFFAIRS VERED HAS  
TOLD EMBASSY TEL AVIV THAT SHE SEES THE EMERGENCE OF  
AN OFFICIAL SOVIET POSITION CALLING FOR PLO PARTICIPA-  
TION IN THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONFERENCE AND THE  
ESTABLISHMENT OF A FEDAYEEN RUN PALESTINIAN STATE IN  
JORDAN'S WEST BANK AND THE GAZA STRIP. (CONFIDENTIAL)  
TEL AVIV 9421, 11/21.

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### 2. REDUCTION IN PETROLEUM SUPPLIES FOR US FORCES

JOHN CLARK, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF ESSO EUROPE, HAS CONFIRMED TO EMBASSY LONDON THE EXXON INTERNATIONAL DECISION TO CUT BACK DELIVERIES TO US MILITARY FORCES AND FACILITIES ABROAD BY THE PERCENTAGE TO WHICH THOSE FORCES IN THE PAST HAVE BEEN SUPPORTED FROM PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM SAUDI CRUDE. HE SAID SUCH REDUCTIONS RANGED IN PERCENTAGE FROM 56 IN JAPAN, 60 IN ITALY, 63 IN FRG, 70 IN THE UK, 76 IN GREECE, AND 86 IN THE NETHERLANDS TO 100 PERCENT (UNDER GOVERNMENT ORDERS) IN SINGA-

PORE, THAILAND AND THE PHILIPPINES. HE SAID SAUDI PERSONNEL ARE MONITORING ALL INVOICES AND MANIFESTS IN DHAHRAN. (SECRET) LONDON 13616, 11/21.

### 3. TWO-TIER GOLD SYSTEM

PRESIDENT POMPIDOU'S ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ADVISOR, FREYCHE, HAS TOLD EMBASSY PARIS THAT THE FRENCH ARE FULLY AWARE OF US VIEWS ON PURCHASES OF GOLD BY CENTRAL BANKS AT A PRICE ABOVE THE MONETARY PRICE. HE SAID THAT THERE ARE PRESSING TECHNICAL REASONS WHY EC CENTRAL BANKS MIGHT WANT TO BUY OR SELL GOLD AMONG THEMSELVES AT OR NEAR THE MARKET PRICE, BUT THEY ARE RELUCTANT TO TAKE A STEP WHICH MIGHT BE INTERPRETED AS AN ATTEMPT TO CREATE A MONETARY BLOC IN OPPOSITION TO OR RIVALRY WITH THE US. FREYCHE SAID THAT NO SUCH DECISION WOULD BE REACHED WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH THE US. (CONFIDENTIAL) PARIS 30004, 11/21.

### 4. EUROPEAN DEFENSE COOPERATION AND THE US

FRG AND UK SOURCES HAVE TOLD EMBASSY BONN THAT PARIS IS TALKING DISCREETLY WITH BONN AND LONDON IN AN EFFORT TO FIND MODES OF EUROPEAN DEFENSE COOPERATION SUITABLE TO A PERIOD OF REDUCED AMERICAN TROOP PRESENCE. THE  
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GERMANS AND THE BRITISH ARE INTERESTED IN EXPLORING SUPPLEMENTARY ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE FRENCH, BUT ARE DETERMINED TO AVOID ANY MODE OF EUROPEAN COOPERATION THAT MIGHT BURDEN CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE US IN NATO OR THAT MIGHT INFUSE REALITY TO THE FRENCH FEAR OF AMERICAN TROOP REDUCTIONS. (SECRET) BONN 16821, 11/21. KISSINGER

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